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Applicant: Robert Lance Cook, et al. Group Art Unit: 3672

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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Att'y Docket No. P103-0031-US Customer No. 96792 Date: September 27, 2011

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated September 1, 2011, and in reply, submits the following to be entered into the record:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.